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Ma's Bike.
There's dust on the parlor furniture; there's
snot on the kitchen wall;
We sit and one square meal a day, and some
day we'll be all right.

There's a hole in my pants, and
pa's 'n' me 'n' a bad
I kin git along with it; but it's awful
tough on old

The boy's caught the coop and mumps;
the third girl's got a cold;
Since ma's put her foot down and said
she'd leave to ride.

Pa bought a sturgeon, ripped it and swore,
and said he'd look like a fish;
But ma's got the teeth and hands
and went to the fish school;
And pretty soon there came to the house
a man with a bike on a box,
And a bill for the fish, wheel, and bloomers,
too, and some of those leather socks.
And pa was so mad he danced and tore,
and yipped and cussed till he cried.
Our family ain't a bit used to be hinc
ma began to ride.

This ain't no work for a faithful buy, for
a boy that's good and kind,
For it ain't no fun to hold me up when her
wheel runs up behind,
And I won't help. Let's bless your soul,
he says one day, and he's all right.
He won't let her hand on the blessed thing,
if it's a hell-bent thought for a wall.
So the neighbors buy him a new front,
while I run along by her side;
But he's not sure to run out of boys
for no learns how to ride.

And pa just sits on the front porch there
and laughs and giggles and sneers,
Till ma gets mad and blames it on me and
goes and takes my ears.
But isn't my fault if the wheel won't steer
and slides into trees and things,
And ma goes jump head first on the curb
and there's a till the wheel tings.
That time I had the chicken-pox, I wish I
might have died.

For there ain't no fun a livin' now, since
ma's begun to ride.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.
—The Whelan House has been closed for
the season.

—George Callahan, Jr., is building an
addition to his dwelling on Burnside street.

—Devotional meeting of the W. C. T. U.
Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 4 p. m. in the
Friends school on Cedar street.

—The Helping Hand Society of the Pres-
byterian Church will give an Autumn
Festival on next Thursday evening.

—Lawyer William S. Wright is Bristol's
champion gunner this year. At the opening
of the real bird season last week he bagged
150.

—There will be a meeting of bicyclists at
Evans Hall this evening, 8 o'clock, in the
interest of the betterment of bicycle paths
in this section.

—The Jr. O. U. A. Mechanics will hold
the annual state convention at Gettysburg
on next Tuesday. John Kessler was elected
delegate to represent Filchey Council of
Bristol.

—Good and bad birds have been very
scarce around Bristol this season, about the
largest bag so far being 151 by Messrs.
Scott and Morris at Florence last morning.

—Fannie Ellis, Garfield Holt, Daniel P.
Ferguson, William Hartshorn, G. Danfield,
and George and Edward Thacker, Girard
College students, returned last Monday to
their school.

—The new M. E. Church is to be dedi-
cated on Sunday, October 25th, with ap-
propriate ceremonies. Bishop Foss will
conduct the services and preach the morn-
ing sermon.

—The Survivors Association of the 204
Regiment and Durall's Battery Association
will have a reunion at Doylestown on next
Thursday. All the G. A. R. Posts of Bucks
county have been invited to attend.

—List of letters remaining in Bristol post-
office, September 10, 1896: Louise Rhen-
land, Mrs. Jennie F. Fox, Miss Maggie
Murray, Miss M. Smith, 221 Radcliffe
street; John Swain, Letitia Wright.

—Harry Wollard returned last Tuesday
from Overbrook, where he has been en-
gaged for several weeks in doing the inside
finishing work for one of the finest and
most expensive residences at that place.

—On Saturday evening, September 13th,
the Epworth League of the M. E. Church
will give a stereoscopic exhibition in the
church. The subject will be the "Life of
Christ." The admission is free, but a col-
lection will be taken to purchase singing
books for the League.

—A severe storm passed over Bristol,
Fair and Middletown townships last Thurs-
day night, which did much damage to barns,
hay barns, fences, trees, etc. The barns
of L. Mulberry, Jonathan Larm and E.
Stuckhouse were damaged. Hundreds of
bushels of apples were blown from the trees,
and trees and fences were down on every
road.

—The members of the Bethel A. M. E.
Church will have a grand rally on next
Sunday morning, afternoon and evening.
The morning sermon will be delivered by
Rev. G. W. Gibbs, of Bensalem. The Rev.
J. M. Palmer, of Calais Church, Philadel-
phia, will preach in the afternoon, and the
pastor, Rev. A. M. Buckley will conduct the
evening service.

—Eighteen of the Naval Reserves, of
Philadelphia, camped on Burlington Island
last Saturday and Sunday, with the idea of
obtaining a little practical experience in
camp life and giving a little exercise to their
muscles. On account of the rain the poor
fellows had to spend the greater portion of
their time in keeping dry and preserving the
proper course in their white ducks.

—At a meeting of delegates of the Bristol
Fire Company held in No. 1 Fire Company's
room last Monday night, John Appleton, of
Good Will Hose Company No. 3, was selected
as chief for the ensuing year, and Albert
Vaudegrift, of America Hose, Hook and
Ladder Company No. 2, as Assistant Chief.
Their names will be taken to Council on next
Monday evening for confirmation.

—The steamer Pokanoket will leave
Trenton on Saturday, September 12th, at
7.30 a. m., leave Philadelphia at 11 a. m.,
leave Trenton at 2.30 p. m., and go to Wash-
ington Park, making the usual stops, in-
cluding Philadelphia; leave Washington
Park to return at 10.30 p. m.; Philadelphia
at 11 p. m. This will be the last for the
season of the Saturday double trips. Sun-
day, will leave Trenton at 8 a. m., Philadel-
phia at 4 p. m.

Personal Mention.
Mr. James Mooney is spending a week at
Sabri a N. J.

Miss Ellen or H. Carter is at South
Beblem, Pa.

Mr. H. H. Fine is visiting friends
in Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. M. A. Duncan has been spending a
week at Southampton, Conn.

Dr. Davis, of Frickford, was the guest of
J. H. Vanzant the past week.

Miss Mary Irvin, of Philadelphia, is the
guest of Mrs. Julia M. Shack.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Rorer returned
last Friday from Lake George.

Mr. Harry Pope is taking his vacation in
the northwestern end of the State.

Miss Florence Stuckert has gone to a
boarding school at Blairtown, N. J.

Miss M. E. Eagle is visiting friends in
Wilmington, Delaware, N. J.

Mr. Edwin Fowler, the P. R. K. station
agent, is away on his summer vacation.

Henry C. Benders, of Atlantic City, is
spending a few days here with his family.

Mr. Jason L. Fenimore, of North Swans-
boro, Mass., had a short visit to Bristol this week.

Miss Lizzie Taylor, of Cambridge, Ohio, is
the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George A.
Shoemaker.

Russell Wilson and Walter E. Fine re-
turned to Hackettsdown on Tuesday, where
they attend school.

Mrs. Katy Brwin, of Morgantown, N. C.,
is visiting her sister, Mrs. Serrill Houghs-
on Burnside street.

Mrs. Wilson Randall and Mrs. S. B.
Roberts are spending a few days with friends
in Philadelphia this week.

Hon. B. F. Gilkeson and son, B. Frank
Gilkeson, Jr., are at Erie attending the Re-
publican League Convention.

Mrs. Harry Wright and son, Horace, of
Washington, D. C., who have been visiting
Mrs. Henry M. Wright, have returned home.

Mr. Edward S. Phillips and family, of
New York City, who have been spending the
summer at Walter Loring's, returned home
today.

Mr. E. Scudder and Mr. and Mrs. George
S. Harding and daughters, of Trenton, N. J.,
were visiting at Wilson Randall's on
Monday.

Miss Minnie Taylor and Miss Lizzie Mc-
Devitt, of West Philadelphia, were visitors in
Bristol this week, the guests of Mrs. Mary
Vanzant.

Mrs. William A. Stewart and Mrs. Charles
Sturdevant, of Philadelphia, who have been
the guests of Mrs. W. B. Baker, returned
home this morning.

Mr. John T. Poor, of Upper Merion, Pa.,
candidate for county commissioner, was the
guest of Dr. H. P. Purcell for several days
during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Kerlin, Miss
Jennie and Laura Morgan and Miss Mame
Dillon, all of Philadelphia, are spending the
week in Bristol, the guests of Mrs. Margaret
Minister.

Republican County Convention.
In accordance with a resolution passed at
the last meeting of the Republican County
Committee, the Republican voters of Bucks
county will meet in mass convention in the
Court House Park, in the Borough of Doyle-
stown, on Monday, the Fourteenth day of
September, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the
purpose of nominating candidates for the
county offices. By order of

JOHN C. SWARTLEY, Chairman.
Geo. W. McIntosh, Secretary.
Wesley H. McKean, Secretary.

The Belgian black industry up in Beck-
hill is now said to be at a very low ebb.
The demand for the blacks has fallen off,
as asphalt is now being used for paving in
many places instead.

—The reward for the capture of old Johann
Henke's murderers has been increased to
\$500 by Prosecutor of the Pleas Budd, under
the authority of the Burlington County
Board of Freeholders. Cases continue to
turn up by the bundle, but Crownwell is
still at liberty.

—The annual convention of the Bucks
county Woman's Christian Temperance Union
will be held in the Point's Park M. E. church,
on the 19th inst. Major George A. Hilton,
the temperance evangelist, who did such
good work in the county several years ago,
will be the evening speaker.

—The Bucks County Railway Company,
which has in contemplation the construction
of the Doylestown-Willow Grove turn-
pike line has come to an agreement officially
with the Doylestown and Willow Grove
Turnpike Company and accepted the terms
of the lease as proposed by the latter com-
pany.

—John Macanuty, who some months ago
absconded from Lansdale with about \$100
belonging to the Metropolitan Life Insur-
ance Company, is in Scotland, his native
land, and letters are occasionally received
by his wife, who still has her residence at
Lansdale. The absent husband expresses
the hope that he may be reunited with his
family at some day not far distant.

—The secretaries of the mutual fire insur-
ance companies of Bucks and Montgomery
counties, have organized with William H.
Price, of Line Lexington, president; Alfred
M. Wilmon, of Langhorne, secretary, and
J. B. Kisson, of Forest Grove, treasurer, to
investigate the large number of incendiary
fires that have occurred in these counties
during the past year.

—Ex-Sheriff Elias Eastburn, one of the
best-known men and ablest auctioneers of
Bucks county, died at his home in Lakota
last Sunday morning, after a long illness.
As an auctioneer he was to great acclaim,
having the qualities of voice and manner
which rendered him remarkably successful
in that vocation. Mr. Eastburn was highly
respected by his fellow citizens, being elected
to the office of Justice of the Peace for term
after term in both Solebury and Ducking-
ham townships. On November 4, 1864, he
was elected to the office of Sheriff of Bucks
county on the Republican ticket when the
county polled a large Democratic majority.

—The ferryboat runs again this Saturday
evening.

**Program of the Opening Services at the
First Baptist Church Next Sunday.**
The First Baptist Church will celebrate
the opening of the improved audience room
on next Sunday. The programme arranged
for the occasion is as follows:

MORNING.
1 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty.
2 Invocation and Lord's Prayer.
3 Anthem—"Come Let us Worship." Choir.
4 Responsive Reading.

Choir and Congregation.
5 Anthem—"Praise the Lord, Behoven, Choir.
6 Hymn—"When Morning Gilds the Skies."
7 Scripture Lesson.
8 Chant—"Gloria Patri."

Choir and Congregation.
9 Prayer. Rev. W. C. Hendrickson.
10 Selection—"Stand up for Jesus." Choir.
11 Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers."
12 Sermon. Rev. A. J. Rowland, D.D.
13 Hymn—"In the Cross of Christ I Glory."
14 Benediction.

EVENING.
1 Evening Hymn—"Abide with me."
2 Combined Hymn and Scripture Service—
Subject, The Saint's Foundation.
3 Prayer. Pastor.
4 Selection—"Evening Shadows." Choir.
5 Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."
6 Sermon. Rev. L. W. Goodhue.
7 Hymn—"Praising Hymn of Praise."
8 Benediction.

The singing in both services will be accom-
panied by an orchestra. A cordial invita-
tion is extended to the public.

Attempt to Break Jail.
Frank Raymond, who was arrested at
Lansdale some weeks ago for robbing a
jewelry store at Quakertown, succeeded in
tunneling out of his cell in the Doylestown
jail on Tuesday night, and but for the
vigilance of the officers would have made
his escape. Shortly after 10 o'clock Mrs.
Nichols, wife of the Sheriff, heard a noise
in the jailyard in the rear of the Sheriff's
residence, and notified Assistant Jailor
Arthur Wright. Upon making an investi-
gation it was found that Raymond had tun-
neled through the heavy stone wall of the jail
and succeeded in getting into the yard.

A search was made and the prisoner was
found secreted in the coal pile in the boiler-
room. He had fastened himself out with some
bed clothing and blanketing, which he in-
tended to use in scaling the wall. Raymond
said it took him three weeks to tunnel
through the two feet of stone wall, but the
jailers say it is not so, for a thorough search
of the cell was made last Saturday. An ex-
amination of the wall shows that the mor-
tar is very crumbly and the stones could
readily be displaced with a knife and fork,
together with an iron bar from the bedstead,
the instruments used by Raymond.

He Shot the Burglar.
Frank P. Kolbe had a thrilling encounter
with burglars at Doylestown on Monday
morning, and it is thought one of them now
carries several ounces of birdshot in his
anatomy. For several weeks Mr. Kolbe
has been missing a number of articles from
his store, and he determined to put a stop
to the work of the burglars. Accordingly
he secreted himself in the store. Sunday
night he was awakened by a crash of glass.
Seeing himself with a double barrel shot-
gun he prepared for the thieves. Before
many minutes he heard somebody moving
about the lower part of the store, and Kolbe
dropped down stairs, where he discovered the
burglars in the cellar. Taking a position
by the door Mr. Kolbe waited until he
heard them ascending the stairs, and he
made himself known. The burglars then
attempted to escape, but as the first one
was going through the window Mr. Kolbe
fired his gun. There was a groan and Mr.
Kolbe believes the greater part of the charge
entered his body, as he found bits of cloth-
ing lying around him that had been torn away
by the shot. Mr. Kolbe fired at the second
burglar but missed him.

—Dr. Alice Bennett, having resigned her
position as physician-in-charge of the Nor-
ristown State Insane Asylum for Women,
will leave that institution on the first of next
month. For over twelve years Dr. Bennett
has been in charge, having been elected by
the trustees on the opening of the asylum.
Her ability to fill such a responsible position
has been fully proven by the great success
which this institution has attained, it being
acknowledged as the first institution of the
kind in the country. The charge of a thou-
sand unfortunate insane women is a responsi-
bility which could not help but tell upon
the health of one who has devoted such con-
stant care to the work as Dr. Bennett has,
and nothing but her youth and her excel-
lent health when she first took charge has
enabled her to bear the constant strain she
has had, and which is now beginning to tell
on her.

Mathew Without Light.
Mathew is dismal at night on account of
the loss of the electric arc lights in the
streets, and the incandescent lights in the
houses, caused by an advance of the price
of the light on the streets. The plant is
owned by William Hallowell. He asked
\$2,100 for thirty arc lights. Council voted
last winter to give it. The Burgess, believ-
ing the amount to be more than the borough
can pay, vetoed the ordinance. The present
council has voted for the same thing the
former council agreed to do. The Burgess
holds the resolution in his hands, and can
for thirty days, when council can pass it
over his head, but the town is in darkness
for a time, at least.

Nominations for Congress.
The Democratic conferees of the Seventh
Congressional district met at Wissahickon
Hall, Fort Washington, last Thursday, to
nominate a candidate for Congress. R.
Morgan Root, of Pottstown, was made chair-
man, and Wynno James, of Doylestown,
and J. U. Hendricks, of Norristown, townships,
secretaries. Henry S. Murfit presented the
name of Charles F. Vandegrift, of Eddington,
as a candidate for Congress, and he was
unanimously nominated. Bryan and the
Chicago platform were unanimously
endorsed by the conferees.

—William Weikel, aged about 12 years,
living with Mrs. Emma Phipps, at Evans-
burg, Montgomery county, met death in a
peculiar manner last Thursday. The boy was
pasturing a cow at the roadside. A rope
was fastened to her horns, the other end of
which the boy had fastened to his waist.
For some reason or other the cow started to
run, throwing the boy to the ground and
dragging him several hundred yards. The
boy was picked up dead.

Vandegrift.
Charles S. Vandegrift has been nominated
as the Democratic candidate for congress in
the Seventh District. In announcing the
fact the Philadelphia Ledger says that "the
nominee appeared before the Convention and
in a spirited speech planted himself squarely
on the Chicago platform, in which he
thoroughly believed, although he frankly
confessed that he was a converted gold
bug."

If Mr. Vandegrift thoroughly believes in
that mongrel platform, he necessarily en-
dorses notions that are bran new features of
the Democratic faith. Many of these have
never found a place in any platform put
forth by his party in this state, except to be
condemned and repudiated. Hereafter
these things have been vigorously denounced
by his party, and they are still scorned and
frowned upon by hosts of prominent Demo-
crats in every state of the Union.

Mr. Vandegrift belongs with the Bryan
wing of the party. He should be called a
"Bryanite" rather than a Democrat. He
trains with those who stand upon a platform
that is at variance with the well known
principles of the Democratic party. In
accepting that platform of heterogeneous
heresies, he turns his back upon the latest
proclamation of principles by the Demo-
cratic Convention. The Allenstown Con-
vention declared for sound money. Mr.
Vandegrift is in favor of the free and un-
limited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1,
a ratio that makes a dishonest dollar pos-
sible and repudiation a foregone conclusion.
He believes in a policy that would impair
the national integrity and bring dishonor to
our country.

Besides the financial delusions which dis-
tinguish that platform of infancy, he must
also believe in all the other un-Democratic,
un-patriotic and un-sound phantasies with
which it abounds. He joins hands with those
who would destroy the protection we enjoy
under the Supreme Court of the United
States. He is in the company of those who
would vote for a law that would "restrain
the ruin of the National Executive from the
regression of lawless violence." He would
be willing, after declaring his adhesion to
that platform of absurdities, "to break
down the dykes which the constitution and
the law of the land have with long and
laborious assiduity raised for the defence of
the common interests and welfare, and to
let in upon us the seething and polluted
fog of communism, mob law, bankruptcy,
repudiation and anarchy which it is the
chief object of all civilized Governments to
exclude."

That loyal and patriotic Democrat, Edward
J. Phelps, who was minister to England
under Mr. Cleveland's first administration,
very pertinently asks, in commenting upon
the platform upon which Mr. Vandegrift
"has squarely planted himself," "can sen-
sible men contemplate these proposals with-
out perceiving the destruction they involve;
or without asking themselves what must be
the character of the cause that needs to make
friends of the worst elements of mankind?"

The money question is the most vital
question of the hour. This new candidate
for congressional honors is opposed to the
maintenance of sound and honest money.
He is willing to have the American eagle
stamped upon dollars that would fall far
below one hundred cents in value, dishonest
dollars, which would circulate a fraud
wherever they would go.

The Seventh District will not elect Mr.
Vandegrift. It will elect Mr. Wanger, the
candidate who represents protection and
sound money, and not free trade and free
silver.

That Vermont Election.
The country is still feeling good over the
Vermont election. The splendid verdict of
the Green Mountain State is like a shining
light in the political firmament. People
continue to talk about it and think about
it as though it were a sure prophecy of what
will happen in November.

If one thing like that, so small and yet so
significant, will send a ripple of gladness
over the land, what may we expect of a
greater manifestation in November on a
grand and more imposing scale? That is
what the country is waiting for. That is
what business is waiting for, and confidence,
and the hand of enterprise, and all the
primary conditions of prosperity.

A Republican victory never failed to
animate people with hope. A Republican
victory never brought calamity to the nation,
or distress and discontent to the people.
Republican success in November will breathe
into the nostrils of trade the breath of
energy, and all things will feel the stir of
fresh and glowing life. A Democratic
victory, which we care not to consider a
possibility, would act like a nipping frost
and benumb the soul of enterprise. It
would shake with new fetters the limbs of
confidence. It would paralyze industry
and cover the land with a pall of gloom.

The country is not in a condition to suffer
a calamity like that. It has no wish to
prolong the ill it has borne too long already.
It has no use for Democratic victories.
Imagine how it would have been had Ver-
mont told a different tale—a tale that would
have harrowed up our souls. But that
sturdy little state was true to her patriotic
instincts, and she declared in thunder tones
to all the world her aversion to any dollar
that lies.

—It is promised that the Republican ma-
jority in Montgomery County will be about
one-third larger this year than it was two
years ago, and it was large enough then to
be regarded as phenomenal. It is not prob-
able that the Congressional district composed
of Montgomery and Bucks Counties will give
a Republican majority well up to 10,000.

—It is pretty good for a district that was
quite recently thought to be doubtful.—Pres.

A Child in a Well.
Ida, the six-year-old daughter of Thomas
Polz, of Newportville, met with a serious
accident on Monday afternoon of last week,
which may terminate fatally. While playing
about a vacant house belonging to Jas. G.
Hibbs, she broke through the floor covering
the well and fell to the bottom, a distance
of 40 feet, breaking one leg, three ribs and
fracturing her skull. She was in the well
from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 8
o'clock at night. Dr. Julian S. Patterson
attended her and at last reports she was
doing as well as could be expected.

Give Them a Chance.
We all know that the poor are always
with us. We have been told so time and
again, but we know it without being told.
There are innumerable people who are
"as poor as Job." A great many among
them are just as patient as he was. It is
not their lot to be generally cheerful, or to
show to the rest of the world that they are
filled with content. One may be patient
under any and all circumstances, but cheer-
fulness comes more by nature than through
any action of the will. Who can be merry
when pining for bread? Penny does not
often keep company with a smiling face, and
want is not apt to promote those conditions
which are friendly to a contented spirit.

It is a mournful truth that the poor
abound in all communities. It has been so
from the beginning and so it will be with-
out end. There is no help for it. But need
their numbers increase? May they not be
diminished? Work and willingness to
work, employment, opportunity, a chance
to earn money—these are what the poor
especially need, and what those need who
hope to avoid becoming recruits to their
ranks.

"The poverty stricken and the ignorant,
and those who should not be classed among
these, but who have hardships and vexa-
tions growing out of the depressed state of
affairs, may be deluded into believing that
the mints are their allies, and that these
should coin more dollars for their benefit,
even if they be shorn of their true stand-
ard of value; but how will this profit them
if they have no chance to get these dollars
in exchange for the work of their hands?
Busy mints and idle mills are far less de-
sirable than idle mills and busy mills. It
is not the mint but the mill that can lessen
the miseries of the poor, as well as check
their number. Bryan would open the mints
to the free and unlimited coinage of silver,
and plunge the nation into a vortex of con-
fusion aggravated by the infamy of repudia-
tion. McKinley would open all the mills
for the employment of labor, and thereby
mitigate the hard times, and once more
give the industrious workmen everywhere
a taste of the joys of prosperity. It is bad
enough to let down the opportunity of
work; it would be adding injustice to
injustice to cut down the value of the dollar
paid for the work. Let there be a restora-
tion of these conditions for which the
working people, men and women, prayer-
fully yearn, rather than the introduction of
new conditions that will surely augment the
prevailing distress and discontent. Indus-
try in the mills, not industry in the mints,
is the present pressing need. To coin a
dollar is one thing, but not the main thing;
more important to the laboring man is the
chance to earn it after it is coined. The
dollar will be idle if the hands of toil are
idle. It is not idleness but industry that
bars the way that leads to want and
smooths the wrinkled brow of care. Else
it is that service which plants a smile on the
face of the poor, and lightens with joy the
heart of the toiler.

The Choice of Congressmen.
Last Senator Charles S. Vandegrift, of
Bensalem township, Bucks county, was given
the empty honor of a nomination for Con-
gress by the Populist-Democrats of the
Seventh District, composed of Bucks and
Montgomery counties, at Fort Washington
on Thursday.

A delegate to the Populist-Democratic
County Convention at Norristown on Tuesday
made the remark in that body that the
choice of Congressmen was superfluous as
"Congressman Wanger would be elected
without any trouble." This is conceded by
everybody who knows anything about the
situation. The only question is as to the
size of his majority.

In 1894 Mr. Wanger received 8685 votes
in Bucks and 14,228 in Montgomery, or
22,913 in all. Dr. John Todd, the Demo-
cratic nominee, received 7015 votes in Bucks
and 11,072 in Montgomery, or 18,087 in all,
making Wanger's majority 4826 in the dis-
trict. It will be larger this year, a fifty per
cent. increase being not at all improbable in
view of all the circumstances.

The Sound Money Democrats of the dis-
trict will probably hold a convention for the
purpose of placing in nomination a candi-
date for Congress. They cannot do better
than endorse Congressman Wanger, whose
course at Washington has given such eminent
satisfaction to the people of the two counties.
This endorsement alone should be worth
several thousand votes to Mr. Wanger. Every
voter who believes in a sound currency and
a wise and patriotic national policy, at home
and abroad, can vote for Mr. Wanger with
the assurance that his influence will be
directed to that end.

Mr. Vandegrift represents only a faction
of Democracy, not the party. The citizens
of Bucks and Montgomery know their
interests too well to accept the doctrines of
Bryan and the Chicago platform, and both
will be buried under an overwhelming vote
in November.—Norristown Herald.

—John K. Cowen, President and one of
the receivers of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-
road Company and a Democratic representa-
tive in Congress from a Baltimore district,
says "Free silver, fiat money and free riot
are the three prominent F's of the Chicago
platform. I shall unhesitatingly vote for
William McKinley, although I am an out-
and-out free trader, and I advise other
Democrats to do the same. I do not believe
it is wise to have a new third party move-
ment. I think the Sound Money Democrats
should organize and work and vote for the
Republican ticket, thereby making good
sound money vote count not one, but two,
against free silver and the other com-
munist ideas adopted at Chicago."

—Earl Li has an old Chinese proverb,
which he quotes when he misses a good
thing. He quoted it the other day when he
returned from his cruise up the Hudson
River without being able to see the Military
Academy at West Point. It is sometimes
used in English, but it originated in China
and is as old as human disappointment. He
says: "Well, all right; that water has gone
over the dam."

—More than 100 hogs in the western sec-
tion of Centre County have been killed re-
cently by a strange disease.

—The ferryboat runs again this Saturday
evening.

Bicycling for Ladies and Gentlemen.
The easy, graceful, moderate, leisurely
style of bicycle riding is coming into vogue
and practice, particularly with ladies. On
the most popular cycling roads, says an
exchange, may now be seen, any fair day,
numbers of ladies, alone or accompanied,
riding along easily, at a pace of six or eight
miles an hour, and either enjoying the land-
scape or chatting pleasantly. This fact is
really a matter of great importance, and
from the standpoint of good health and
reasonable physical exercise, it is both note-
worthy and a source of satisfaction.

Bicycling is comparatively a new exercise.
Although there have been wheels and wheel-
men for a quarter of a century, it is only
within four or five years that the pastime
has become so popular as to be almost
universal. And, like every new exercise,
it has been done to excess, and is only now
beginning to be properly utilized and made
a reasonable pleasure. The little child that
has just learned to walk cannot make his
little legs go fast enough to keep up with
his desire to get over space, but by and by
he learns to walk with easy grace, and to
take such exercise as is both healthful and
pleasant. Bicycle exercise has scarcely
passed the childish, the rushing, the scorch-
ing era, but it is approaching the more grace-
ful and less impulsive stage. The impulse
to spin over the ground on a wheel is as
irresistible at first as the toddler's desire to
fairly leap from one point to another, and
everything is forgotten but the exhilaration
and new excitement. It must be something
like the sensations of a little bird the first
time he tries his wings. But, as already
suggested, ladies and gentlemen who ride
the wheel are learning that there is keen
delight in riding easily, gracefully, and
leisurely. It affords pleasure which "scorch-
ing" can never give. It permits conversa-
tion; it allows observation and apprecia-
tion of beautiful scenery. It develops love
of nature as well as muscle and lung power.
It does more; it prevents restlessness of
shortness of breath, and superfluous perspi-
ration. The leisurely rider does not get
tired; for a nice, easy pace may be

